

# Grade Seven Band

## Information Letter and Questionnaire

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Grade Seven Band! My name is Mr. Farrugia and I am looking forward to spending this school year working with you in what will be a fun and most rewarding musical experience.

Because the nature of our class is to have a balanced music ensemble, you can choose to play any of the following instruments: FLUTE, CLARINET, BASS CLARINET, ALTO SAXOPHONE, TENOR SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, FRENCH HORN, TROMBONE, BARITONE or TUBA.

Students wanting to choose ELECTRIC BASS or DRUMS/PERCUSSION will be auditioned for these instruments. The audition will include pitch recognition, tuning (for bass players) and some rhythm and coordination exercises. A maximum of TWO bass players and TWO drummers will be chosen for each class.

There is no GUITAR available at this stage, but if you have experience playing guitar (can read notes, tune the strings, and have taken guitar lessons), please indicate this on the questionnaire. Some of the music we will play this year may include a guitar part, and at that point, I may ask those with experience to play guitar.

On the questionnaire write down your first **two** instrument choices. When you return your **completed questionnaire**, we will go over the choices in class and come up with an instrumentation that works for everyone. Sometimes I may suggest another instrument, based on physical factors. Remember that I want to give you the best opportunity to succeed and have the most fun right from the start. In most cases you will probably get your first choice.

Don't forget to complete and return the questionnaire. If you need any more information the best way to contact me is by email at [farrugia\\_g@sd36.bc.ca](mailto:farrugia_g@sd36.bc.ca)

More information can be found on my Wikispace at [www.bandseven.wikispaces.com](http://www.bandseven.wikispaces.com)

Yours truly,

Mr. G. Farrugia

# GRADE SEVEN BAND QUESTIONNAIRE

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT CHOICES: 1ST \_\_\_\_\_ 2ND \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE ANY PREVIOUS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC EXPERIENCE?

\_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form you agree to make a positive contribution and actively participate in every class for the whole school year.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please write clearly)

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## (Teacher use only)

Please take this part of the form to your local music store and rent and/or purchase the following:

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- **Essential Elements 2000 Book 1** (FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT)
- A thin binder with 10-15 standard sheet protectors
- At least five "V2" and a box of "V2-1/2" reeds (**Clarinet and Saxophone only**)
- Digital Tuner for Bass Players (optional for others)
- Wire Music Stand or equivalent for home practice (helps with proper posture)
- Trombone players ask for **liquid slide cream** instead of oil if available.